

# NEVADA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION NEWSLETTER

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## Transportation Enhancement Activities



Bridgeport Covered Bridge

Made possible through the passage of the Federal Transportation Act, known as the *Transportation Equity Act of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (TEA-21), the Nevada County Transportation Commission received the opportunity to program \$1,133,000.00 under the *Transportation Enhancement Activities* (TEA) Program.

Through the TEA Program, Caltrans authorizes funding for transportation related projects that enhance quality of life, in or around transportation facilities, and are "over and above" the required mitigation for normal transportation projects.

In the past, the Nevada County Transportation Commission has received TEA grant funding for restoration of the historic Bridgeport Covered Bridge, and rehabilitation of the Donner Summit Bridge, which was originally built in 1926.

TEA projects require a minimum of a 12% local funds to be applied to the total project cost.

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Donner Summit Bridge

The Nevada County Transportation Commission has received approval from Caltrans for funding the following TEA projects:

**Truckee River Trail Project:** The Town of Truckee is working cooperatively with the Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District and local civic and non-profit organizations to complete the Truckee River Trail Project. This project will construct a multi-use trail along the Truckee River from State Route 89 to Glenshire. The Truckee River Trail will provide a critical east/west route for non-motorized vehicular access to the most populated areas of the community.

The trail parallels the Truckee River and will enhance access to this resource. Interpretive signage along the route is proposed to emphasize the significant historical and natural resources along the route. In addition, the trail is the backbone of a future trail system providing linkages to key recreation areas including the Regional Park, Martis Creek Reservoir, Donner Lake, and Donner Lake State Park. This project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2002. Amount funded by TEA dollars: \$294,120. (Total Project Cost: \$ 649,000)

**Bear River Park and Recreation District Overland Emigrant Trail Project:** This project will enhance public access to the existing easements along the historic Overland Emigrant Trail between Dog Bar Road and State Route 49. Staging areas will be constructed at Dog Bar Road, Taylor Crossing, and Junebug Road near State Route 49. Additional improvements to the trail include interpretive signs, fencing, gates, restrooms, tables and benches, trail restoration and construction, and archaeological research. This project is scheduled for completion by December of 2001. Amount funded by TEA dollars: \$137,256. (Total Project Cost: \$159,100)

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## **Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum and Interpretive Restoration Project:**

The Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum and Interpretive Restoration Project, located on a 1.69-acre parcel at the end of Bost Avenue, will be constructed by the City of Nevada City in partnership with the Nevada County Historical Society. This project includes the construction of two buildings: a museum that will resemble the original Nevada City freight and passenger terminal torn down in 1962 to make way for the Golden Center Freeway, and a machine shop of the period 1876-1942.



Nevada County Narrow Gauge Freight and Passenger Terminal

All facilities will meet conditions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and be opened and operated for the general public. This project is scheduled for completion in mid-summer of 2001. Amount funded by TEA dollars: \$392,161. (Total Project Cost: \$ 580,000)

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## **Upcoming NCTC Meeting**

The next meeting of the Nevada County Transportation Commission will be held **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M.**, in the **Grass Valley City Council Chambers, 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, California.**

## **Nevada County Transportation Commission**

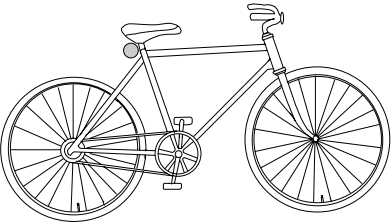
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**Nevada County Department of Transportation, Combie Road Class I Bike Path Project:** This project will improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists by construction of a Class I Bike Path from SR 49 to the Magnolia/Combie Road intersection. This project will link with the existing bicycle/pedestrian facility that extends from Cottage Hill Elementary School, Magnolia Middle School, and Bear River High School to the Magnolia/Combie Road intersection. These schools and connecting ball fields serve the southern part of the County and are destination points for many pedestrians and bicyclists. This project is included in the Nevada County Capital Improvement Program and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2001. Amount funded by TEA dollars: \$221,022. (Total Project Cost: \$281,800)



**City of Grass Valley, Freeman Lane Pedestrian Improvement Project:** This construction of a sidewalk on the south side of Freeman Lane between Mill St. and the Pacific Bell Maintenance yard at 530 Freeman Lane will enhance pedestrian safety between the commercial locations on Freeman Lane, Northstar Museum, and the Nevada County Fairgrounds. This project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2001. Amount funded by TEA dollars: \$88,441. (Total Project Cost: \$102,510)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP  
SR 49 WIDENING PROJECT**

To provide information and answer questions concerning the widening project on SR 49 from .4 miles south of the Bear River to the Wolf/Combie intersection.

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to upgrade State Route 49 to a four-lane expressway, with a continuous left-turn lane. The 2.4 mile project commences .4 miles south of the Bear River in Placer County and proceeds north to the Wolf/Combie intersection in Nevada County. The project follows the existing alignment and the majority of the highway widening is located along the westerly section of the expressway. The upgrade is required due to the increased traffic throughout the corridor and is estimated to cost \$14.4 million, with Caltrans providing \$7.8 million and the NCTC contributing \$6.6 million. Construction is expected to start in Fall 2002.

**Workshop**

A public “drop-in” workshop is scheduled to allow residents, local public officials, Caltrans staff, and other interested people to exchange information and discuss issues related to the project. There will be no formal presentation. The workshop will be held on **Thursday, September 14, 2000, from 4-7 p.m. at the Calvary Chapel, 10050 Wolf Road**, (located at the northwesterly corner of the Wolf/Combie intersection).

For additional information, please contact:

The Nevada County Transportation Commission, 101 Providence Mine Road, Suite 102, Nevada City, CA 95959 or phone at (530) 265-3202.



**NOTICE OF JOINT  
PUBLIC WORKSHOP  
UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**

The Nevada County Transportation Commission, Placer County Transportation Planning Agency, and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency are holding a public workshop to receive input on unmet transit needs that may exist, and that might be reasonable to meet, within the Truckee/Lake Tahoe region.

This public workshop will be held during the Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Association’s monthly Board of Directors meeting, **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m., at the PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn Conference Center, 1920 Squaw Valley Road, Olympic Valley, CA.** This location is accessible by TART bus. Call (530) 550-1212 for additional information.

The Nevada County Transportation Commission’s definition of “reasonable to meet” may take into consideration such factors as equity, timing, feasibility, community acceptance, economy (short-term and long-term), cost effectiveness, and other factors related to transit services deemed appropriate by the Commission.

Individuals, as well as, representatives of groups interested in transportation, are invited to attend and participate. For additional information, please contact:

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